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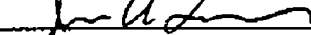
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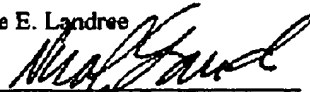
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Official action mailed October 3, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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